



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5

Soil moisture supplies: 47% very short, 34% short, 18% adequate, and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

During mid-week, scattered thunderstorms delivered the only precipitation that fell throughout the state. The statewide precipitation for the week averaged 0.6 inches, 0.3 inches below normal. Most farmers made good progress on fall fieldwork this week. The cotton harvest remained well ahead of the norm, reaching 88 percent harvested, 17 points ahead of the five-year average. The much-needed rain helped plant cane and cane stubble. Harvest of the ratoon rice crop continued. Soybean, sweet potato and sugarcane harvests progressed well and remained ahead of the five-year average. Dry conditions continued to delay planting of wheat.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers needed more rain. Citrus producers sold satsumas. Pecan harvest slowed down this week and was slightly behind the five-year average. Crawfish ponds, initially flooded with anticipation of a good year, required additional irrigation to maintain flood and this increased pumping expenses. With the much needed rain this week, water quality was good for crawfish producers.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Light rain this week encouraged many producers to scratch and plant some ryegrass while they had a little moisture. It also helped livestock and pastures, but more rain was still needed. Pastures remained bone-dry because of extended arid conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	88	83	23	71
Pecans	Harvested	13	12	13	17
Rice	Harvested	100	99	97	99
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	99	97	98
	Harvested	92	87	64	85
Sugarcane	Planted	100	99	98	98
	Harvested	17	10	14	12
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	70	56	25	54
Winter Wheat	Planted	1	0	2	3

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	11	28	39	21
Livestock	6	21	40	30	3
Vegetables	23	31	32	14	0
Pasture	26	37	29	8	0

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/11/10 TO 10/18/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	90	41	67	66	0.32	0.36	19.48	40.05
Minden	90	42	66	65	0.38	0.46	26.22	42.95
Mooringsport	91	46	68	MM	0.25	0.30	29.44	36.43
Extreme/Average	91	41	67	66	0.32	0.37	25.05	41.05
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	92	40	67	66	0.03	0.54	26.44	43.46
Homer/Hill Farm	92	45	69	64	0.05	0.05	27.08	43.44
ULM-Monroe	(93)	44	69	66	0.00	0.56	27.36	44.99
Columbia Lock	93	44	69	MM	0.00	0.13	20.02	46.42
Extreme/Average	93	40	69	66	0.02	0.32	25.23	44.37
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	46	69	66	0.03	0.26	22.74	45.79
LSU-St Joseph	90	40	68	67	0.04	0.24	28.42	44.08
LSU-Winnsboro	92	40	69	66	0.00	1.89	25.13	43.64
Tallulah	91	43	68	66	0.00	0.27	27.06	45.51
Extreme/Average	92	40	68	66	0.02	0.67	25.84	44.72
4. West-Central								
Leesville	89	42	68	67	0.48	0.58	24.63	44.62
LSU-Rosepine	91	46	70	68	2.57	2.91	33.55	45.91
Natchitoches	92	38	67	67	0.31	0.31	22.93	42.43
Ashland	91	(36)	64	65	0.41	0.94	21.73	42.84
Extreme/Average	92	36	67	66	0.94	1.93	21.73	43.63
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	48	70	69	0.75	1.75	34.95	46.97
Bunkie	91	40	69	68	0.61	0.99	42.33	47.99
LSU-Alexandria	90	45	70	67	1.09	1.09	33.28	45.57
Extreme/Average	93	40	70	68	0.82	1.28	36.85	47.47
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	44	68	MM	0.57	0.72	42.23	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	44	68	68	1.64	1.71	38.48	49.80
Amite	91	39	67	67	0.42	0.43	39.88	53.73
LSU-Hammond	89	42	67	68	0.69	1.17	39.54	52.20
Slidell	84	47	68	69	0.00	2.80	54.96	51.40
Extreme/Average	91	39	68	68	0.66	1.37	43.02	52.16
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	90	48	71	68	0.78	0.78	33.04	47.55
Jennings	87	50	70	69	1.58	1.62	40.86	48.27
LSU-Crowley	86	49	70	70	1.23	1.25	35.77	48.16
Extreme/Average	90	48	70	69	1.20	1.22	36.56	49.05
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	46	68	69	1.48	4.67	45.62	50.64
LSU-Jeanerette	85	50	70	69	1.33	3.02	47.60	51.31
Morgan City	83	57	71	71	0.75	0.94	34.94	53.89
Extreme/Average	85	46	69	70	1.19	3.85	46.61	51.74
9. Southeast								
Galliano	83	52	70	70	0.00	1.25	53.07	55.21
Houma	87	45	69	70	0.29	1.63	46.96	53.44
Terrytown 3S	88	55	72	MM	0.12	1.29	45.93	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	88	45	70	71	0.14	1.39	48.65	53.26
State								
Extremes/Averages	93	36	69	68	0.60	1.28	34.99	47.77

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through October 18, 2010

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